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## Kids put up grand show in one day

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**New Delhi:** A special cultural extravaganza was organized in the city to celebrate the arrival of the Queen's Baton on Thursday evening. Nine schools participated in the function and children performed traditional dances from different states. While the children were brimming with excitement to be part of a Commonwealth Games function, teachers of some schools claimed they had been given only a day's notice to put the show together.

The function — held at the NDMC lawns — was attended by chief minister Sheila Dikshit, sports minister Arvinder Singh Lovely and MLA Mangat Lal Singhal. It was organised by directorate of education, Delhi government.

Even as the children had just finished with their exams, they did not let their fatigue show on stage. Some of them will also be participating in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Games.

Renu Ghonkrokta, a teacher from N P Bengali School, Gole Market, said, "The children performed to a choreographed

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Many children will also take part in the Games opening and closing ceremonies

dance called Bharat Ki Veer Balaiyan. We were told we would be participating in the event only on Wednesday. Fortunately, the children had performed this dance earlier for a competition and knew all the steps well. They will also be performing during the opening ceremony and are working very hard to put together a good performance."

Teachers from GGSS Railway Colony School, Tughlaqabad also said they were roped in only a few days back. Prem Ghera, a teacher, said, "Around four days back we were told we would be participating in this function. The children already knew the steps of a folk dance from Orissa so we decided to have the same performance."

Children from Delhi International Public School, Rohini said they had been practicing for the function even during exams. Said Monica Sharma, a teacher: "The children have worked really hard to make the Rajasthan Kalbelia dance a success. They practiced during their exams. They will be a part of the Games closing ceremony."

Students didn't seem to mind the long hours of practice. Himanshi Sain, a class V student from Delhi International Public School, said, "We were practicing during exams but we didn't mind that because we really wanted to be part of the Games."

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